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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTEMPT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER

1. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET NARROWLY ESCAPED AN EXPLOSION LAST NIGHT (APRIL 26) WHICH KILLED 10 AND INJURED 26. THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE NOW BELIEVES AN M-79 ROUND CAUSED THE EXPLOSION. THE GENDARMARIE ARE CONSIDERING THE INCIDENT A POSSIBLE TERRORIST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST THE PM, BUT ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING WHETHER IT COULD HAVE BEEN A GRUDGE ATTACK ON A GENDARMERIE OFFICER WHO WAS AT THE POINT OF IMPACT AND KILLED. ANOTHER THESIS THAT HAS BEEN ADVANCED IS THAT ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINS HOST OF RECEPTION. NO ARRESTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE.

2. PRIME MINISTER WAS LEAVING A WEDDING DINNER AT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOME OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL BANK, MR. SEN PHUM,

WHEN THE GRENADE DETONATED IN THE STREET ABOUT 30 METERS BEHIND HIS CAR. THE BLAST KILLED AND WOUNDED PASSERS-BY AND WEDDING GUESTS ALIKE. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD AFP THAT HIS PRESENCE AT THE RECEPTION WAS NOT ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND AND COULD NOT SAY WHETHER THE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINST HIM. DEAN

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